



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council**FROM:** Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez,
Councilmembers Ken
Yeager, and Dave Cortese**SUBJECT:** JTS Northside Community Center**DATE:** December 13, 2005**APPROVED:** **DATE:** 12-13-05

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the following recommendations designed to ensure the continuance of quality programming that reflects the diversity of constituents in the surrounding neighborhood:

- Allow existing agreement with Fil-Am SODC to expire on December 31, 2005.
- Request that Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) assume operational responsibility for JTS Northside Community Center effective January 1, 2006 (or as soon as possible) through June 30, 2006.
- Direct PRNS staff to complete an expedited process to identify an alternative operator for the facility by June 30, 2006. The process shall include a comprehensive needs assessment and a competitive Request for Proposals to identify the most qualified provider that can meet the service demands identified through the community process.
- Direct PRNS to assign senior staff to attend regular AACI board meetings and to ensure that the organization is in compliance with all city policies and procedures.
- Ensure that the JTS Northside CC be made available to culturally-sensitive community organizations.
- Make JTS Northside CC available for additional community uses, ensuring the priority of the services needed by Northside Community.
- Reallocate the \$58,354 general fund money to PRNS to pay for expenses associated with operating JTS Northside Community Center.
- PRNS staff is requested to work with AACI in the formation of a Programming Advisory Committee. Committee membership would include diverse community representation with an emphasis on Filipino American community services.

CONCLUSION

Our priority is to ensure that JTS Northside Community Center continues to be a center for culturally sensitive services. Given the findings of the City Auditor and the Making Government Work Better committee, it is important that the Council take action that reflects our concern for good management of JTSNCC as well as continue to provide services that meet the needs of the Northside Community.

By passing these recommendations, Council will ensure a return to normalcy by installing a new interim operator for the Center, increasing city oversight for the interim operations of the center,

beginning an expedited RFP process, and ensuring the continuance of culturally sensitive services that meet the needs of the Northside community.